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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR

THE YEAR, 1944.

ASHBY WOULD'S URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

(1) Medical Officer of Health (Part time) - Thomas Forsyth,
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Deceased 5.10.45)

(2) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (Full time) - Percy C. Woodhall,
M.I.M and C.E.

To the Chairman and members of the Ashby Would's Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report on the
Sanitary State of your District for the year 1944, on behalf of the late
Dr. Forsyth.

SECTION A:-

(1) Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	2,336 Acres.
Population	3,012
No. of Inhabited Houses at end of 1944.	848
Rateable Value	£18,610
Sum represented by a penny rate	£60

The Chief Industries of the District are:- Agriculture,
Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking. No particular occupation was noted as
having a specially injurious effect on the health of the population during
the year.

(2) Vital Statistics.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births Legitimate	49	27	22
Illegitimate	1	-	1
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	<u>50</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>

Birth Rate = 16.6 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate = 17.6 per 1,000 population.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Still Births Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate = 0 per 1,000 (live and still) Births

or " " " = 0 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate = 0.50 per 1,000 population.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	29	16	13

Death Rate = 9.63 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Death Rate = 11.6 per 1,000 population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Ashby Woulds District.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.</u>	
		<u>England and Wales.</u>	<u>1944.</u>
(a) Sepsis	-	-	0.68
(b) Other causes	-	-	1.25
		<u>1.93</u>	

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	—	—	—
	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>

Infant Mortality Rate - 20.0 per 1,000 Live Births.

England and Wales Infant Mortality Rate, 1944 = 46.0 per 1,000 Live Births.

Death Rate of Legitimate Infants = 20.4 per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.

Death Rate of Illegitimate Infants = Nil per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births.

Deaths occurring from the following Diseases during 1944:-

Cancer (all ages)	6
Measles (all ages)	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Diarrhoea etc. (under 2 yrs.)-	

Causes of Death During 1944.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Whooping Cough	-	1	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory System)	-	-	-
Influenza	-	1	1
Cancer (Stomach and Duodenal)	-	1	1
Cancer (Buccal M. and Uterus F.)	-	-	-
Cancer (all other sites)	3	2	5
Diabetes	-	-	-
Intracranial Vasc. Lesions	2	-	2
Heart Disease	4	3	7
Other Circ. Diseases	1	1	2
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-
Appendicitis	-	-	-
Nephritis	2	-	2
Premature Births	-	1	1
Other violent causes	-	-	-
All other causes	3	2	5
	—	—	—
	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>29</u>

Chief Causes of Death during 1944:-

Heart Disease 7 - Cancer 6 - Nephritis 2 - Intracranial Vasc. Lesions 2.

SECTION B:-

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Hospitals:-

- (A) 1. Fever: Hospitals are provided for the treatment of Infectious Diseases by the Leicestershire Combined Hospitals Committee.
The nearest Hospitals to your Area are Markfield (54 beds) and Hinckley(23 beds)
2. Smallpox: Hospitals are provided by the Leicestershire County Council at Snarestone (23 beds) and Syston (15 beds)
- (B) 1. Tuberculosis: The Sanatorium at Markfield is adequately equipped for the Diagnosis and treatment of all forms of Tuberculosis and contains 138 beds.
2. Maternity: The Cottage Hospital, Ashby-de-la-Zouch provides accommodation for maternity cases from your Area. The Leicestershire and Leicester Maternity Hospital is also available for cases requiring Institutional treatment.
3. Children: Children are admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary. Provision for Children is also made in Ashby Cottage Hospital.
4. Other: Delicate and ill nourished Children (3 to 5 years) are admitted to the Children's Convalescent Home, Woodhouse Eaves.

Ambulance Facilities. Infectious Cases are removed by Ambulances provided by the Leicestershire Combined Isolation Hospitals Committee. Non-infectious cases are removed by Ambulances provided by the St.John's Ambulance Brigade. Colliery Accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the Leicestershire Coal Owners Association.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

These are provided by the County Council.

The following Clinics are available for your Area.
An Infant Welfare Clinic is held weekly at the Baptist Schoolroom, Brook Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
A school and orthopaedic clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville.
The County Tuberculosis officers attend weekly at Bridge Road, Coalville.
Venereal Diseases Clinic is held at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Nursing in the Home..

General nursing in the home is provided by a resident District Nurse, under supervision of the Leicestershire Nursing Association, aided by Local Voluntary Contribution. The District Nurse does not attend Infectious Diseases and does not undertake midwifery.
A midwife resident in the adjoining Parish of Donisthorpe is available for midwifery cases in the home.
There is no provision for Nursing such cases as Measles in the Home..

Laboratory Facilities.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations are provided for in the County Council Laboratory, Leicester.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply:-

The District is supplied by the Ashby and Swadlincote Joint Water Board from the Milton Reservoir except for a few outlying properties which obtain their water from wells. Additional bulk supply of water is obtained from the Ashby R.D.C. by agreement.

No. of Samples taken for analysis	-
Number of Wells closed	-
Number of wells cleansed etc.	-

The quality of the piped water supply is satisfactory.

There were no extensions of the Public Supply during the year. There was a serious shortage of water during the year, and it was necessary for the supply to be cut off many hours daily. The late Joint Committee is now superseded by a Water Board. Boring for additional supplies is proceeding.

Results of Samples Taken for Analysis -

<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
Chemical. Bacteriological.	Chemical. Bacteriological.

From Wells.	-	-	-
" Piped Supply	-	-	-

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Number of Cesspools Constructed during year	Nil
Number of Cesspools abolished during year	Nil
Total No. in District on December 31st.	10

Closet Accommodation. Total No. in District on December 31st.

(a) Privies; 8: (b) Pail Closets 43: (c) Water Closets 604:

Number of Closets converted to water carriage system during year.

(a) Privies -: (b) Pails :-

Number of Privies (middens) converted to pail closets during year - :

Public Cleansing.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council's workmen with covered Lorry and conveyed to suitable tips where it is deposited in layers and covered with soil.

Earth Closets and privies are emptied at night. Ashpits and Cesspools are emptied at frequent intervals by the Council's workmen with covered lorry. The night soil and contents of Cesspools is carted on to land and ploughed in. Refuse from Ashpits is conveyed to Tips and deposited in layers and covered with soil.

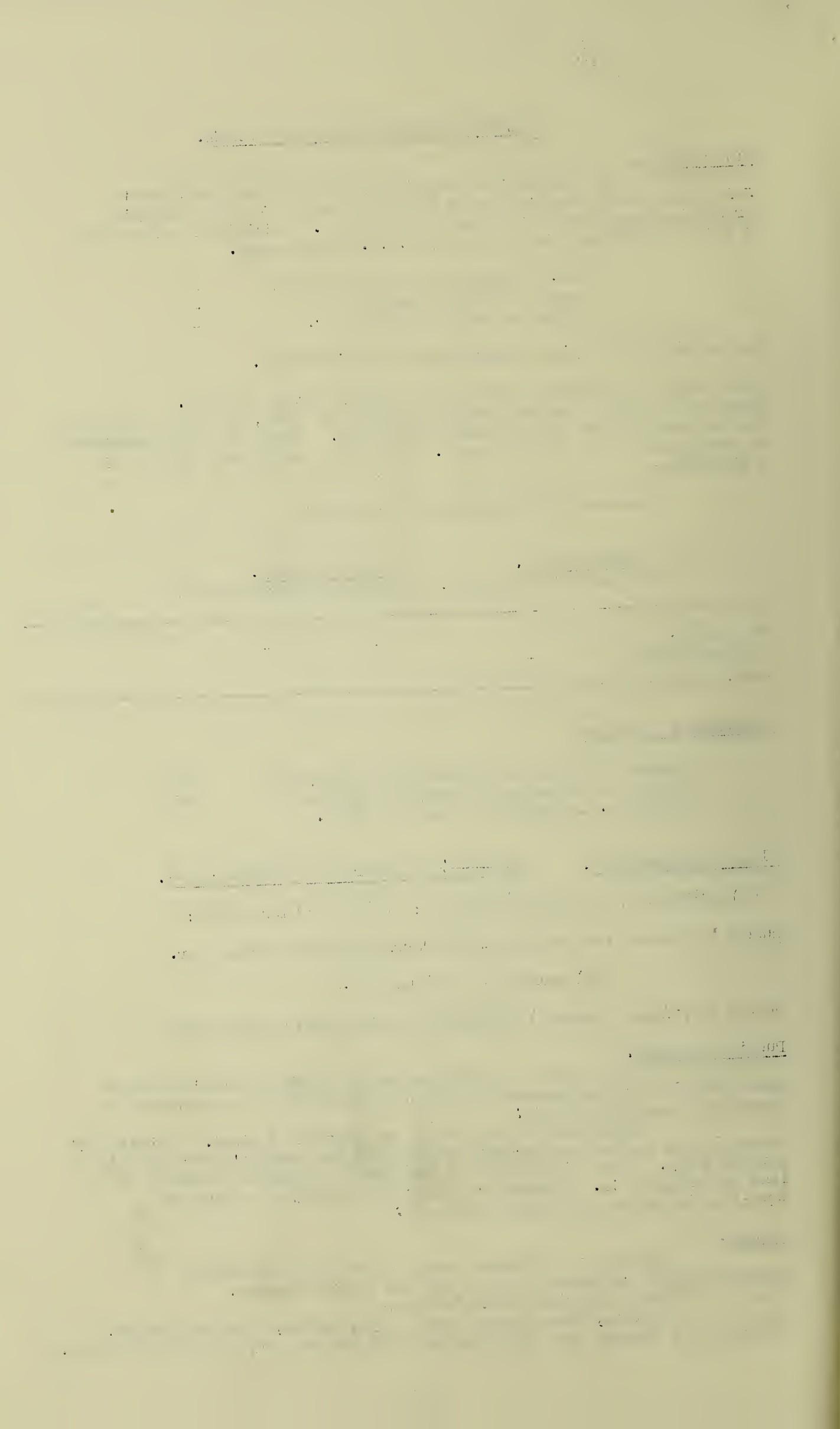
Salvage.

Salvage is collected weekly by the Local Authority.

Kitchen Waste is collected by Local Pig and Poultry Keepers.

Classes of Salvage Materials collected are:-

Metals, Waste Paper, Bones, Rags, Rubber, Tins and Bottles.
Collection of Salvage does not interfere with the ordinary Refuse Collections.



SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total Number of Complaints received	47
Total Number of Defects or nuisances discovered	58

Nature of Inspections.

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Revisits.</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	134	87
Tents, Vans, Etc.	-	-
Slaughter Houses	-	-
Food Premises	12	12
Dairies and Cowsheds	9	9
Offensive Trades	-	-
Animal Keeping	-	-
Workshops	-	-
Shops	48	34
Other Premises	34	27
Total:	<u>237</u>	<u>169</u>
	—	—

NOTICES.

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Others.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued During the Year	5	12
Complied with during the Year	5	12
Statutory Action necessary	-	-
Outstanding on 31st December	-	-
<u>Statutory.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Others.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued during the Year.	-	3
Complied with during Year	-	-
Outstanding on 31st December	-	3

Summary Action.

No. of Summonses Issued	-
No. of Convictions obtained	-

SHOPS. No action was taken during the Year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

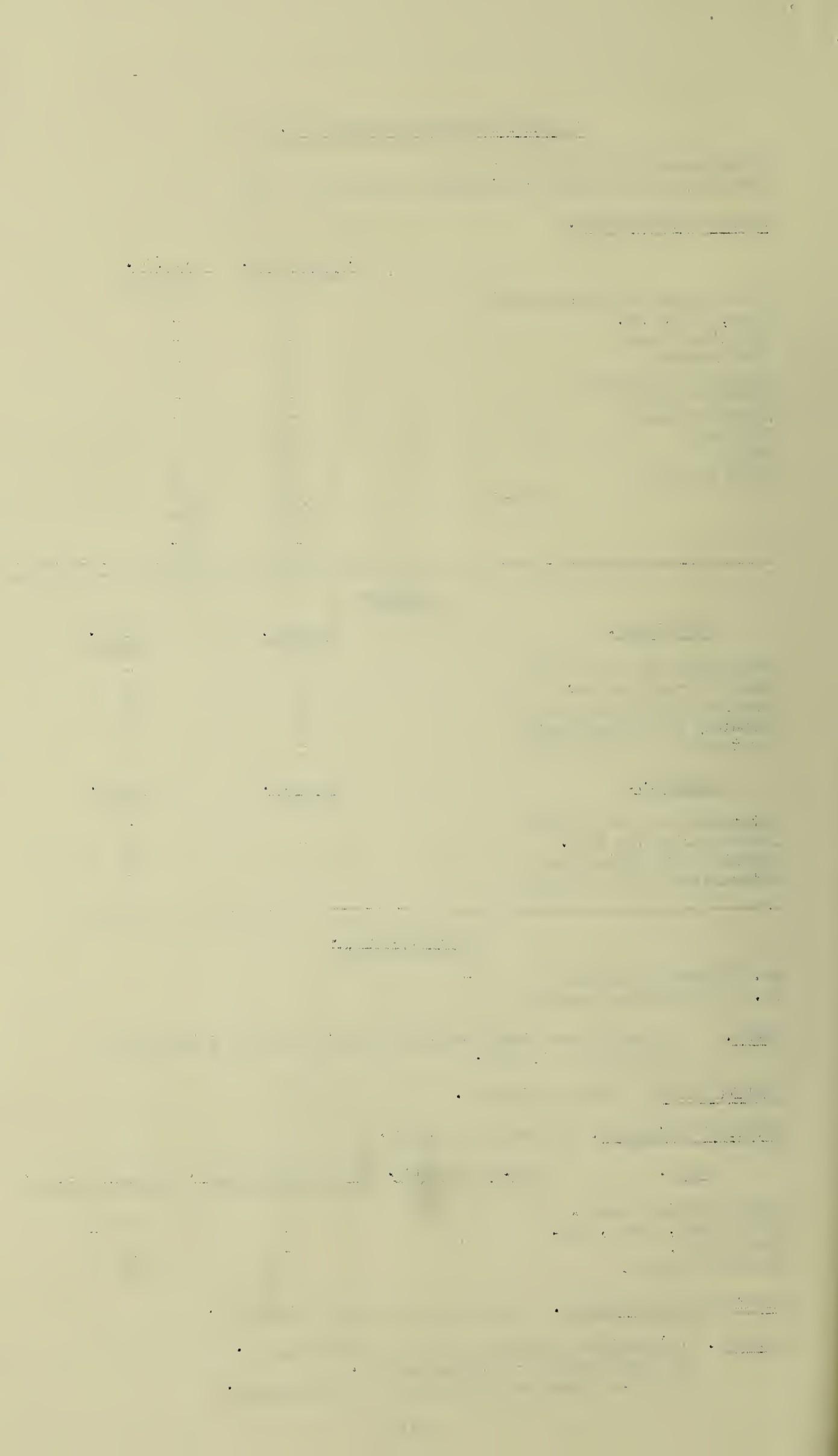
CAMPING SITES. None in District.

REGULATED BUILDINGS. No action necessary.

<u>Type.</u>	<u>No. in District.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>General Conds.</u>
Common Lodging Houses.	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	-	-	-
Canal Boats.	-	-	-
Offensive Trades.	-	-	-

Eradication of Bed Bugs. No action necessary during year.

Schools. (a) Sanitary Conditions - Good in both Schools.
(b) Water Supply - On Piped Supply.
(c) No. of Schools disinfected - None necessary.



Swimming Pools open to Public.

None in District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply:-

Cowkeepers.

No.on Register.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Contraventions.			
		Outstanding from prev.year.	Found during year.	Remedied during year.	Outstanding on 31st. December.
9	18	Nil	1	1	Nil

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers)

No.on Register.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Contraventions.			
		Outstanding from prev.year.	Found during year.	Remedied during year.	Outstanding on 31st. December.
-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Contraventions.

	<u>Outstanding from previous year.</u>	<u>Found during year.</u>	<u>Remedied during year.</u>	<u>Outstanding on 31st. December.</u>
Cleansing	-	1	1	-
Structural Alterations	-	-	-	-
Utensils	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

Milk Sampling.

<u>Class.</u>	<u>Total No. of Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination.</u>	<u>Number Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Number Unsatisfactory.</u>
Designated	-	-	-
Ordinary	-	-	-

The Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936 and 1938.

No. of Licences issued in respect of.

<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>	<u>Accredited.</u>	<u>Pasteurised.</u>			
<u>Bottling</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Bottling</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Pasteurising</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
<u>Dealers.</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Dealers.</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Dealers. supply</u>
-	-	-	-	-	1

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

Number of Regional Slaughter Houses in Area

-

Number of Animals Slaughtered in Area

-

Number of Animals examined in Area

-

Number of Animals slaughtered elsewhere

-

No. of Animals examined elsewhere

-

Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter

-

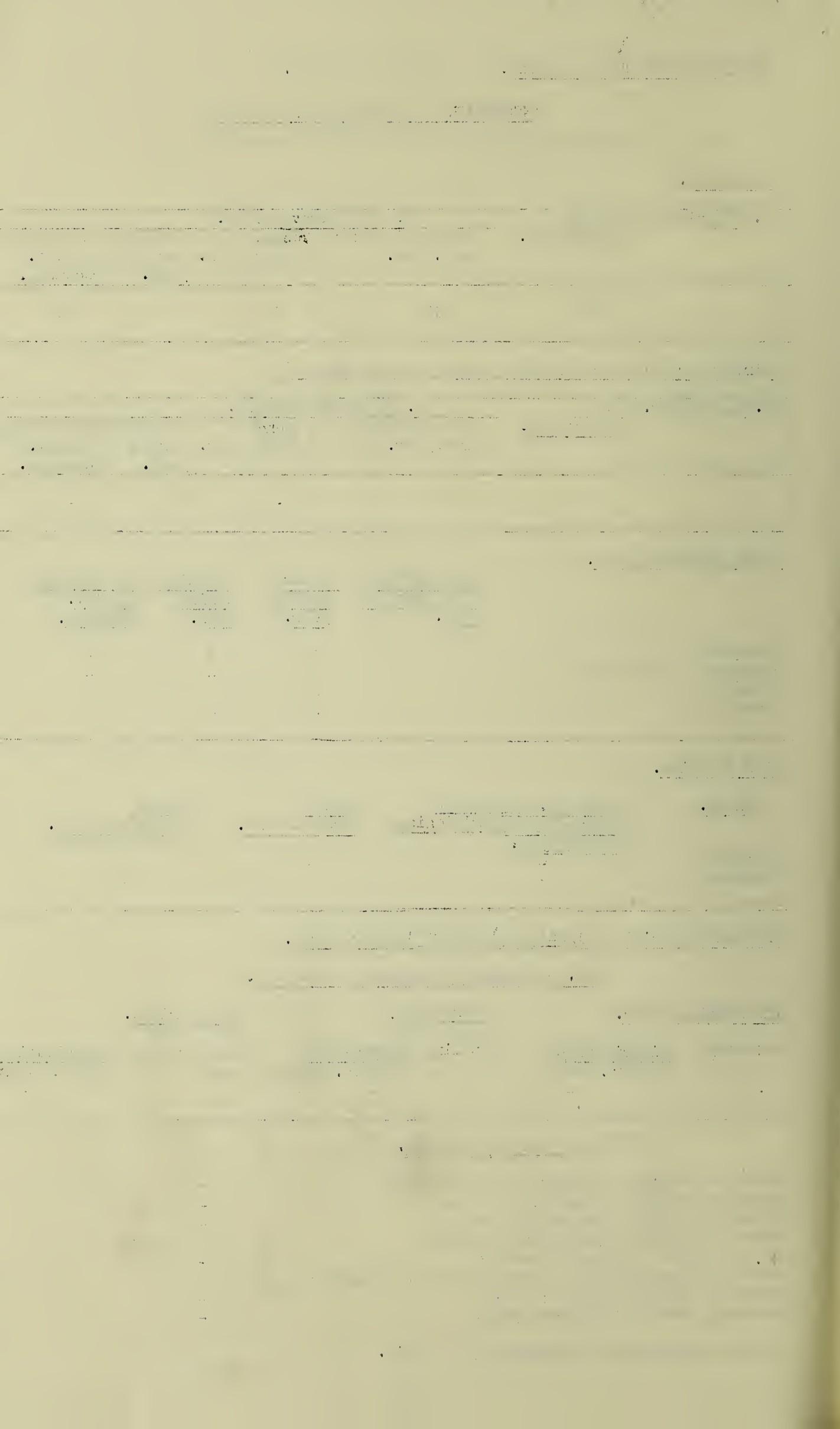
Number of Knacker Yards in Area

-

Number of visits to Knacker yards

-

Carcases Inspected and condemned: Nil.



Meat Stalls. No. of Inspections -

Meat Shops and Meat Stores etc. No. of Inspections -

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.

No. of Inspections. 12

Following Food Condemned:-

5 Tins Milk	2 Boxes Herrings
1 Tin Pilchards	23 lbs. Bacon
1 Tin Fruit	1 Bag Rusks.
1 Tin Chopped Ham	

H O U S I N G.

I. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

1. (a) Total No. of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts) 2.
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 6.
2. (a) Number of Dwelling Houses (included under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. -.
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the Purpose -.
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation -.
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub.head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation -.

II. Remedy of defects during year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 2.

III. Action under Statutory Powers during year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

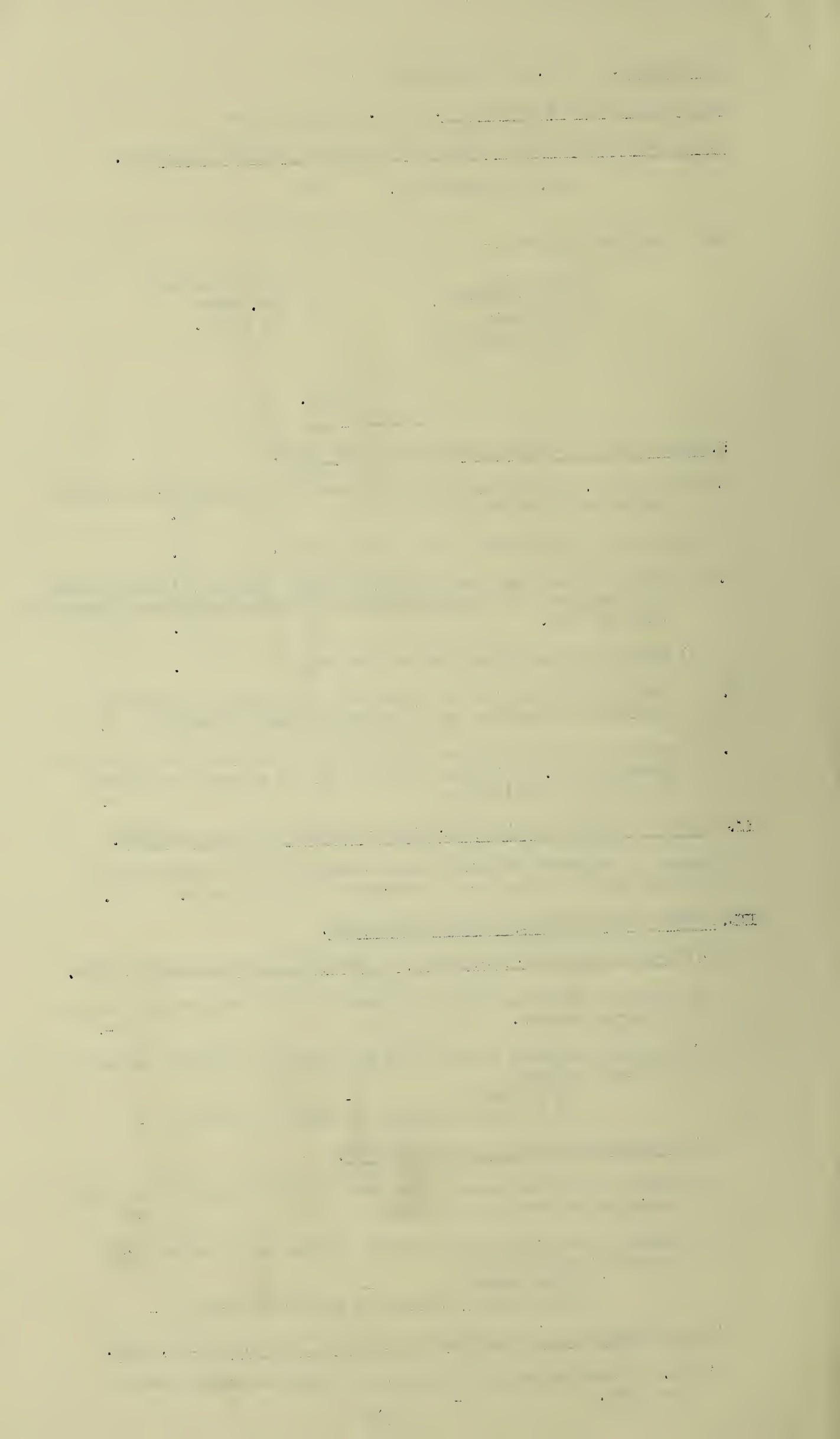
- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. -.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
 - (a) By owners -
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied -.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
 - (a) By owners -
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. -



(2) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. -.

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. -.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement room having been rendered fit -.

IV. Housing Act - Part 4 - Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year -.
(2) No. of persons dwelling therein -.
(3) Number of families dwelling therein -.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year -.

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year -.
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases -.

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding -.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during year.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	6	3	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	1	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-

Age Distribution of Cases.

(In accordance with Registrar General's Figures notified on form 118d)

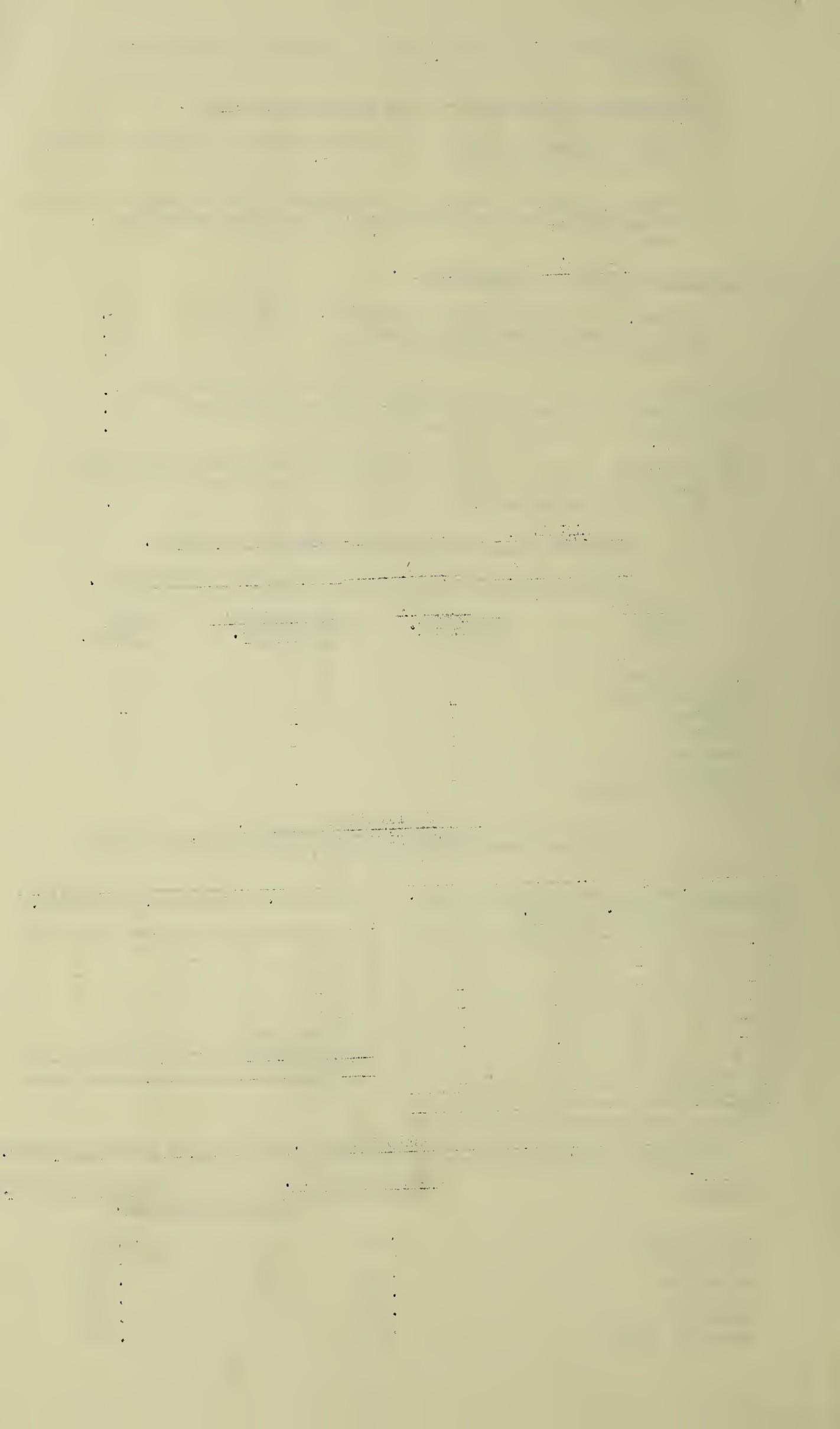
<u>Age period.</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever.</u>	<u>Whooping Cough.</u>	<u>Measles.</u>
0 -	-	-	-
1 -	-	1	1
3 -	-	-	-
5 -	5	-	-
10 -	-	-	-
15 -	1	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>Age period.</u>	<u>Erysipelas.</u>	<u>Pneumonia.</u>
0 -	-	3
5 -	-	-
15 -	-	1
45 -	-	-
65 and over	1	-
Age unknown	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

Comparison of the Case Rates for Ashby Woulds U.D. 1944, and England and Wales.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Ashby Woulds U.D.</u>	<u>England and Wales.</u>
		<u>Per 1,000 population.</u>

Scarlet Fever	1.99	2.40
Diphtheria	-	0.58
Erysipelas	0.33	0.29
Pneumonia	1.33	0.97
Measles	0.33	4.16
Whooping Cough	0.33	2.49



Tuberculosis.

Three new cases were notified, two pulmonary and one non-pulmonary. No deaths occurred.

General.

Three public recreation grounds are provided by the Ashby Wolds Urban District Council at Moira, Spring Cottage and Albert Village. The total area of the three grounds is about $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Conclusion.

My grateful thanks are due for the valuable assistance of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr.P.C.Woodhall, and to the County Health Department. To the County Health Department I am particularly indebted, as this report would have been impossible to compile without their wholehearted co-operation.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. SEGERDAL.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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April, 1946.

